

Pulse Tube CCR User Manual

Startup:

1. Attach sample in desired holder, secure both heat shields, being careful not to over tighten them, and then screw on the outer cover.
2. Open the valve and connect the vacuum port to a turbo pump.
3. Pump the chamber down to the mid 10^{-4} Torr scale.
4. Turn on the chilled water by following the hoses connected to the compressor back to the reactor face and opening the supply and return valves (**NOTE: the compressor will still turn on without water flow so double check by making sure the brass fittings start to feel cold**).
5. The compressor can now be turned on by pressing the large circular button.
6. Operation is now done from the controller by entering a set point.

During Operation:

1. **The compressor should remain on at all times, even when heating above room temperature. This is to keep the cold stage from over heating.**
2. In the event that either sensor exceeds 340K the heater will be disabled and cannot be re-enabled until the temperature falls below 340K. Avoid this by never setting a set point higher than 325K and keeping the compressor on at all times.
3. To keep a good vacuum simply leave the turbo pump on at all times, although it is possible to close the valve and turn the pump off if necessary.
4. If for any reason the compressor stops running turn off the heater and contact someone on the sample environment staff.

Shutdown/Change of Sample:

1. Turn off the compressor and leave the heater on with a set point of 300K.
2. Close the vacuum port valve and turn off the pump, waiting until the four speed indicator lights on the turbo pump are off before removing the hose.
3. Time permitting skip to step five. (Skipping step four adds approximately 2 hours.)
4. For a quicker shutdown/sample change vent the sample chamber with helium. Start by attaching a nipple to the vacuum port then purge the low pressure helium line and nipple and connect them together. Pinch off approximately one foot of hose then slowly open the valve until the helium is sucked out and then close the valve.
5. Once the cold stage maintains room temperature without help from the heater then open the outer cover. Using the helium technique this should be approximately half an hour, but be careful that the expanding gas does not over-pressurize the vacuum can.